

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005. Claims 1-20 were pending and all were rejected. With this amendment, claims 1, 3, 13, and 20 have been amended and claim 12 has been canceled. Applicant believes the application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests notice to that effect.

The specification was objected to as incorrectly referencing the filing date of the provisional patent application from which it claims priority. Applicant has amended the specification to show the correct date. Accordingly, Applicant believes the objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

Notation was made that the Declaration contains an incorrect date as to the filing of the provisional application from which priority is claimed. Applicant agrees that the date should be July 23, 2002.

Claims 1, 3, and 20 were objected to as containing some Informalities. These informalities have been corrected with this amendment. For that reason, Applicant respectfully believes that the objection be withdrawn and respectfully requests notice that effect.

Claim 12 was rejected as being in improper dependant form in failing to further limit the independent claim from which it depends. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claim 13 has been amended to claim proper dependency. Accordingly, Applicant believes

the objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrett in view of Sukup, Roth and Ehlers. Each of the independent claims will be addressed in order. The comments also apply to dependent claims with like language.

- Claim 1 includes the language "a frame including **legs interconnected with a front rail, rear rail, a right side rail and a left side rail**, the rear rail joined to an **alignment wedge** and **at least one back lock down lip**;" The three bolded elements are not identified in the Office action as being found in anyone of the references. "Alignment means" and "locking means" are identified, but they do not have the particular structure which applicant is claiming.

- Claim 16 includes the language:

"a trolley selectively joined to the first frame and to the second frame, the trolley being contiguously slidably along the length of the front rails of the first frame and the second frame;
a first box selectively positioned on the first frame, the first box including sides defining an upper opening and a lower opening;
a second box selectively positioned on the second frame, the second box including sides defining an upper opening and a lower opening;"

Each of the cited references appear to only have one frame and one box and limit the movement of the trolley along one frame, while the present system allows an infinite number of boxes and frames, while allowing the trolley to service the entire matrix. The

advantage in multiple boxes is clear in that they may contain different materials, filed and to emptied in different locations, yet it may be carried for at least a portion, and perhaps not all, of the journey on one truck. Flexibility of use and efficiency of movement are added advantages not found in the prior art. The Office action attempts to equate compartment and box even though there is sufficient structure in the claims that the equating is inappropriate. The Office Action also inaccurately states that Ehler's has separate boxes, but see Figure 1.

- Claim 20 includes the language identified in claims 1 and 16 as lacking in the cited reference.

Applicant believes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

FINAL OFFICE ACTION INAPPROPRIATE


The Office action failed to take each limitation of the claim and identify where it is found in the prior art. Applicant is unable to discern what the Examiner may or may not have been thinking with regard to each limitation and is not in a position to guess. A proper office action needs to be provided to the Applicant or a Notice of Allowance should be issued.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, with the present amendments to the claims, oath and drawings, and in light of the above remarks, all of the presently pending claims should be seen to be fully supported by the present specification and to define an invention patentable over all of the art of record, whether taken separately or in any combination. The prompt issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is seen to be in order and is solicited to be forthcoming.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that any minor matters remain to be settled prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney of record is respectfully invited to assure prompt resolution thereof. Counsel may be reached at: **(763) 493-4011**.

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